

that the actual import of agricultural products has come down during the year 1999-2000 as compared to 1998-99. This is also a fact that the share of agricultural products in the total imports of the country has come down from 7.06 per cent to 5.63 per cent during the same period.

As can be seen, from the import figures above, there is no overall threat to the domestic farmers from imports. However imports are being closely monitored and the Government is determined to ensure through appropriate use of tariff and other mechanisms that imports do not cause any serious detriment to the domestic farmers. Towards that end, import duties on a number of items, where increases in imports were noticed, have already been increased. In the budget for the year 2001-2002, the customs duty on coconut, copra, tea and coffee has been raised from 35 per cent to 70 per cent. The import duty on various refined edible oils excepting soyabean oil has been raised to 85 per cent, similarly, the import duty on various crude edible oils excepting soyabean oil has been raised to 75 per cent with a concession of 20 per cent on the imports of crude palm oil made by sick vanaspati units.

Creation of facilities for foreign investment

2579. SHRI VED PRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last 10 years, when the process of liberalisation was started, only 33 per cent of the approved Foreign Direct Investment have actually been invested in India;

(b) if so, what are the findings of Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that money is diverted to other countries by the investors due to lack of facilitation process and difficulties in implementation stage; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve the situation in this regard to the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) to (d) Foreign investment is dependent on several factors such as domestic economic conditions; policy regime governing foreign investment; world economic trends and strategy of global investors. To facilitate speedy implementation of FDI projects and to remove

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post investment problems faced by the investors, Government has set up Foreign Investment Implementation Authority (FIIA) comprising representatives from Central and State Governments. There has been improvement in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows during the last 10 years.

Dumping of Medicines by China

† 2580. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China is fast dumping drugs in India these days;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no one to give any guarantee of reliability for these drugs;

(c) whether Paracetamol has been dumped on a large scale; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government to check dumping of drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMARABDULLAH): (a) There are some cases of dumping involving imports of drugs from China.

(b) The imports are subject to the quality requirements as administered by Ministry of Health.

(c) and (d) The Directorate General of Anti-Dumping & Allied Duties has received a fully documented petition regarding dumping of Paracetamol from China & Taiwan. The case has been initiated on 30.1.2001. The investigation is being carried out to assess the evidence of dumping, injury to the domestic industry and causal link between the dumping of the imported goods and injury to come out with preliminary findings.

Streamlining of Anti-Dumping Procedures

2581. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) The broad policy guidelines being followed to protect industry interests while deciding anti-dumping measures;

(b) The present status of investigations into various categories of